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Another tragedy strikes royal family

PRINCESS GRACE'S BODY STOLEN!

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Savage man-beast goes on rampage of death in Brazil

WEREWOLF KILLS 37!

SHOCKED witnesses have seen the shaggy creature tearing apart its victims.

By CARLA CAMPANAS
In Sao Paulo

At least 37 people have been savagely murdered in Brazil — and police have identified the killer as a werewolf!

All of the victims lived in the remote farming villages of Jaguariaiva and Itarare, located about 150 miles southwest of Sao Paulo.

The gory reign of death began with the brutal murder of a mother and her two daughters, whose dismembered corpses were found near a graveyard on the outskirts of Itarare.

Since then, the discovery of horribly mutilated bodies in the area has been an almost daily occurrence, and police believe the insane bloodbath will continue until the man-beast is hunted down and killed.

"First, let me assure you that there is no doubt as to the identity of the killer," District Police Commander Rafael Limon said. "Superstition and imagination are not at work in this case.

"We have hair and skin samples taken from the fingernails of the victims and they are not human. And we have found footprints at each of the murder scenes, and they are human.

"In itself, the evidence is not conclusive, but it corroborates the descriptions given to us by several people who have actually seen the beast.

"They each describe a creature who stands upright, has the head of a wolf and the shaggy haired body of a human."

Louis Palma, whose truck brings produce from outlying farms to the village market, is one of three people who have actually seen the werewolf during one of its nightmarish slaughters.

"It was an hour before dark and I was about 13 miles south of Jaguariaiva," Palma recalled. "When I came around a bend I had a clear view of the road ahead.

"It was then that I saw the creature. He was only a few yards in front of my truck and was clawing at someone on the ground.

"Out of instinct, I sounded my horn. The monster leaped to its feet and took a few steps toward my truck. I thought that I would hit it, but it suddenly leaped off the road and fled through the brush.

"I did not stop, but as I passed the person on the ground, I could see that he was beyond help. All of the man's face had been bitten away. There are many legends in my country about the werewolf and many people have told of seeing the beast. Now that I have seen for myself, I know the stories are not false."

Commander Limon said a detachment of soldiers is being sent into the district from Sao Paulo. "We can only hope and pray that they will flush this beast from his lair and kill it — before more innocent people are killed."

SMART COMEBACK

Father: Don't you think our son gets all his brains from me?

Mother: Probably. I still have all of mine.

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Fishermen wriggle out of fine for digging up worms

Three fishermen were arrested for digging up worms for bait but a sympathetic judge let them off the hook.

The unidentified anglers didn't realize they were violating a 1968 law which prohibits taking worms or any other living thing out of a designated bird sanctuary.

A judge in Paris, France, found them guilty of break-

VENGEANCE!

SPLINTERS! A spurned boyfriend used a bulldozer to pick up autos and crash them through the walls and roof of his ex-girlfriend's house. This is what's left.

Chevy takes on the sissies!

Chevrolet is having second thoughts about an ad campaign that implies foreign-made pickups are fit only for sissies!

In a video presentation before 6,000 Chevy dealers and salespeople in Nashville, Tenn., a farmer interviewed about his Chevy truck said he preferred full-size pickups.

"There isn't no foreign company that makes any decent working pickup," he went on to say.

"It's either going to be big or some little faggot truck."

A Chevrolet executive said the interview will be deleted from the video.

"There's probably no reason for us to offend any person or group," he said.

— ALBERT CATALANO

New York dump tops China's Great Wall

The Great Wall of China has long been known as the greatest man-made object on earth. But before 1991 is over, a massive garbage dump in Staten Island, N.Y., will exceed the Great Wall in total volume — when it swells to a whopping 3 billion cubic feet!

— DEAN SKOLLEY

Jilted beau batters ex-gal's house with bulldozer, say cops

Wreckin' romeo dropped cars through her roof!

By JACK ALEXANDER

When a man learned that the woman who dumped him was getting married he got even — by scooping up cars with a bulldozer and slamming them into her house!

The front of her house on Bloor Street in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, was torn off, the garage was crushed and four cars were destroyed, say police. Damage was estimated to be more than $100,000.

The woman, who unwittingly caused the ruckus, was out jogging when the rampaging romeo, who works for a construction company, drove the dozer up to her split-level home.

He picked up two cars parked in the driveway with the dozer and hurled them at the house, scaring the daylights out of the woman's mother and two sisters, who were inside.

The two cars were demolished and two other vehicles in the garage, including a 1989 Corvette, were damaged.

"People in the house were hysterical," said Police Supt. Des Rowland. "They ran out the back door when the house began to crumble."

Next-door neighbor Teresa Wyroslawski heard the early morning racket and thought her neighbors were remodeling their house until she saw the cars, all crushed. "I said to my Dad, 'Dad, something's wrong.' "

The bizarre attack continued for about 10 minutes and stopped when the neighbors threw two-by-fours at the dozer driver.

"They were pretty courageous. They could have been squashed," said Supt. Rowland.

Cops stopped the dozer a few miles from the scene.

"The woman he was mad at didn't even know what had happened until she returned from jogging," said Police Det. Stephen Patterson.

The woman who is in her late 20s, said she had known the man casually for several years, but had wanted nothing to do with him.

"They never dated. It was more of an obsession," said Det. Patterson.

Police have charged Vincenzo Cosentino, 33, with theft, mischief causing damage, assault with a weapon, threatening death and dangerous driving.

Homeless family moves in on rich folks — and eats 'em

A homeless family didn't steal jewelry, silver or other treasures when they invaded a ritzy, 25-room mansion — but they ATE the owners!

"They barbecued Anne and Craig McLaughlin out back by their apple orchard and picked their bones clean," said Constable Geoff Mayson.

The hungry raiders left a note of apology behind. It said simply, "We are desperately hungry. May God forgive us for what we've done."

"The couple were skinned and their blood drained before they were placed over the fire to cook," said Const. Mayson.

he delivered mail to the McLaughlin mansion, which is five miles from the nearest neighbor northwest of Taupo, New Zealand.

This is what authorities believed happened on that horrifying night:

McLaughlin, a retired grove owner, and his wife had gone to bed early as was their custom. A niece had talked to them on the phone about 5 p.m.

They were dragged from their beds to a garage and beheaded with a chain saw. Their bloody heads were found in a truck in a corner of the garage.

Police believe the killers are a homeless family of six that has been wandering the wilds of New Zea-

homeless band has stayed outside of the law until now. "This is a cannibalistic murder, plain and simple," said Const. Mayson.

Relatives said the elderly victims had planned to do their monthly food shopping the day after they were murdered. "There wasn't much food in their house. If there had been, they might be alive today," said Const. Mayson. The grisly deaths were the first reported cases of cannibalism in New Zealand in at least 40 years. Preparing and eating human flesh was quite common by the Maori tribe of New Zealand at the turn of the century.

Angry victims shut Peeping Tom's eyes — with super glue!

By RICK TRACY
Special correspondent

A Peeping Tom made life miserable for women in his neighborhood until they got fed up with the sneaky creep — and super glued his eyes shut.

"I don't feel a bit sorry for the sleaze bag," said Rene Audouin. "I was afraid to walk by a window unless the shades were drawn."

The pecking punk was a neighborhood weirdo named Gerard Delbarre, a slimy bum in his early 50's who slept days and roamed the streets of Nice, France, at night.

"We had dozens of complaints about the guy looking in the windows of bathrooms and bedrooms, but despite our efforts we could never catch him," said Police Inspector Michel Bonjean.

Inspector Bonjean told the distraught women if they could ever catch him in the act to call police. But the women went one better.

Six of them — all in their 20's and attractive — held a meeting and planned their strategy. Armed with a video camera, they set up a neighborhood surveillance. On the second night, three of the gals watched as Delbarre sneaked up to a bedroom window of Monique Hersant as she prepared for bed.

"She purposely left her curtains open with the lights on in the bedroom," said Rene. "And she kept him interested while our camera rolled.

"We had planned to turn him over to the cops, but when we thought of all those nights his beady little eyes had invaded our privacy, we changed our minds," she said.

The five women overpowered the peeper, pinned his hands behind him and initiated their alternate plan — to get even.

They forced his eyes closed and smeared them with super glue to make sure they would stay that way.

"We called police and suggested they call for an ambulance. We knew he would need medical attention," said one of the women, who didn't want her name printed.

Doctors used a special solution to unglue the peeper's eyes.

"His eyes are not damaged, but doctors recommended he keep them bandaged for a few days," said a hospital spokesman.

Police have jailed Delbarre on several charges.

Docs' stitch in time saves unborn twin

Doctors stitched up a pregnant woman's cervix to save the life of her unborn baby — who would have been born prematurely and possibly dead.

Jolin McKoin, 29, of Hartsville, Tenn., went into labor July 5 when her twin babies weren't due until October. Dr. Frank Boehm delivered one twin, who was born dead.

Doctors sewed up her cervix so the second baby wouldn't be born prematurely.

Usually "after the first one's delivered, you break the water of the second one and deliver it and say, 'I'm sorry, try again,'" said Dr. Boehm.

After her cervix was sealed, Mrs. McKoin spent 3½ weeks in the hospital before going into labor again. She gave birth to a son, who is thriving.

Absentminded doc leaves leg in cab

An orthopedic surgeon got a stern reprimand from Tokyo police after he left a severed human leg in the taxi he was riding in!

The absentminded surgeon was transporting the leg from one hospital to another where it was to be used for knee research.

Cops returned the leg, along with a brief note that carried a pointed scolding: "It is illegal to transport human body parts in Japanese taxis."

WAITING in vain — Abandoned dog sits in the Illinois cornfield where he was cruelly dumped by his heartless owner.

Abandoned dog captures the hearts of townsfolk

A sad-eyed mongrel pooch sits and waits day after day amid the stubble of a cornfield where he was abandoned three months ago by his heartless owner.

By CINDY O'NEIL

But the faithful dog has captured the hearts of the people of Washington, Ill., and they have made sure he has food and water each day.

"Someone just dumped him off," resident Nikia Lopeman

timid little guy. You can just see that 'help me' look in his sad eyes."

"At first, about 20 people

gether to feed the dog," Lopeman said. "We tried to coax him out of the field because it's getting pretty cold. But, he wouldn't budge."

Animal control made several attempts to catch the dog in a baited cage, but the ruse didn't work.

"Why should he go into the

eryone is feeding him table scraps?" Lopeman asked.

Residents, angered by animal control's efforts to capture the dog, have posted signs saying: "Do Not Take Our Dog Away!"

They have come to love the dog that waits in vain with such fierce loyalty for his mas-

Nightmare in Monaco!

PRINCESS GRACE'S BODY STOLEN!

PRINCESS Grace shortly before she died in a crash in 1982.

Special to The NEWS

Grave robbers stole Princess Grace's body from her crypt at the Cathedral of Monaco and, while they haven't contacted Prince Rainier and the royal family yet, it is feared that they will demand a ransom of millions!

The theft of the body allegedly took place on November 7. And even though a spokesman for the palace denies it, other sources say the robbery has been and will continue to be the focus of a massive coverup.

"Where did you hear that? We don't know anything about that," said the palace spokesman, clearly shocked to be queried about the reports. "There's no truth to it. Oh no, no. If there was I would have known about it."

That denial was countered by a highly-placed palace insider who leaked the story to newsmen in Monaco.

She said: "Grace's body is gone but Rainier and the royal family can't admit it for fear of driving ransom demands through the roof.

"This is a tragedy beyond measure. Rainier and his family have suffered enough."

The circumstances surrounding the reported theft of the body are sketchy. But the palace insider and other sources say it's likely that the thieves chipped through the concrete slab covering Grace's crypt and broke into her coffin looking for jewelry.

If that is the case, they were almost certainly disappointed. Pictures of Grace lying in state following her death of a cerebral hemorrhage after a car crash in 1982 show her to be wearing a simple gold wedding band — and nothing more.

A multi-national search for the grave robbers and body has turned up nothing to date. But the sources say it's only a matter of time before someone calls the palace in Monaco and demands a ransom.

"It's impossible to place a value on a human body but it's safe to say they'll demand millions," said one source.

"Prince Rainier is wealthy. He could come up with the money.

"But the authorities have warned him to act as if nothing has happened. They hope that his nonchalance will make the thieves anxious.

"If they get anxious, they might make a mistake that would lead to the recovery of Grace's body and their arrest."

Princesses Caroline and Stephanie, Grace's daughters, and her son, Prince Albert, are said to be as devastated as Prince Rainier over the theft of her body.

But they seem to be holding up well, especially considering that Caroline's husband, Stefano Casiraghi, was killed when his speedboat flipped at 110 m.p.h. during a race on October 3.

"There's no such thing as a good time for something like this to happen but I can't think of a worse time," said the palace source.

"Caroline is still mourning the death of Stefano and Grace's body was taken just seven days prior to the anniversary of her death on November 4.

"No family should have to suffer like this.

"My heart goes out to all of them."

Chillingly, the theft of a leading celebrity's body is not without precedent.

Comedian Charlie Chaplin's remains were stolen on March 2, 1978. They were recovered a little over a month later, on

Palace denies shocking report!

Speeder was on a mission of mercy — for his pet hamster

An astounded cop heard the most bizarre excuse for speeding ever when he pulled over a man doing 81 m.p.h. in a 60 m.p.h. zone and was told the driver was only trying to revive his dying hamster.

It seems that Charles Stevens had his pet in the car with him and had gotten caught in traffic jams during an unseasonal heat wave. He told cops he figured if he didn't provide his roasting rodent with a little fresh air the creature was going to die, police say. "It was getting very hot in the car and the hamster was laid out on top of straw in its cage on the backseat," he told police.

"It wasn't very well. I was trying to get air into the car because I didn't want to arrive home with my daughter's pet dead."

Stevens of North Devon, England, was fined $300 for his hamster heroics.

WIFE SCARES HUBBY WITH RUBBER SNAKE

Fatal prank ends his 40 years of bullying!

By REBECCA SPALDING

After 40 years of unbearable abuse from her lazy, domineering hubby, a fed-up wife literally scared him to death — with a rubber snake.

Paramedics found her burly, 63-year-old hubby lying dead in a hammock in the backyard of the American couple's retirement home outside Zapote, Costa Rica.

His eyes were wide open, locked in a terrifying stare at the toy snake curled up on his chest.

"The official cause of death was heart attack," said Police Sgt. Antonio La Cruz.

"But if you'd seen his face, you would know he was scared to death. It was frozen in fear."

Cops wouldn't identify the couple other than to say they were Americans who had lived in a retirement community near Zapote for about two years. She is 62.

"The deceased's wife admitted tossing the toy snake on his chest while he relaxed in the hammock, knowing he was deathly afraid of them," said Sgt. La Cruz.

"The woman only meant to scare him, she said. You know, make him jump for a change like he'd been doing to her during 40 years of marriage. It was supposed to be a silly prank, but it just went too far." Though sobbing through lengthy questioning by police, the fragile wife seemed relieved that her agonizing years of torment were finally over.

"She portrayed her husband as an arrogant, egotistical, overbearing tyrant who treated her more like a servant than a wife," said Sgt. La Cruz. "She hated being a slave."

He handled all their money, ordered her around and even told her what to wear.

She was not allowed to contradict him, question his decisions or sit in his easy chair.

"She waited on him hand and foot," said the police officer.

"You name it, she did it — the cooking, washing, cleaning, shopping for groceries, garden work . . . everything."

When there was work that she didn't have the strength to do, he would fake illness and hire someone to do it.

"In fact, he was lounging in the shade at the time of his death while she trimmed the hedges around their yard," said Sgt. La Cruz. "The temperature was in the 90s."

She found the rubber snake that apparently had been left in their yard by a neighbor's child.

It was about three feet long

ESCAPADE

Model inmate Robert Walters used a pass from prison to get drunk, watch a strip show and rob a bank!

"Why I did this I do not know," the Canadian convict told police in Kingston, Ontario. "It wasn't planned. It just happened."

The escapade cost Walters dearly. Officials added two years to his previous prison sentence for a series of armed robberies.

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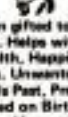

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TO DEATH —

LIFELIKE rubber snake with glass eyes looked real enough to give an abusive husband a heart attack.

with glass eyes and looked real.

"When she realized it was a rubber snake, she tossed it on her husband to scare him," said Sgt. La Cruz. "But the joke backfired. He screamed and went into cardiac arrest."

Prosecutor Felipe Cartago said there wasn't sufficient evidence to charge the widow with anything. "This poor woman has broken no laws of this land," said Cartago. "And if she had, I'm not sure I'd have the heart to prosecute her.

"Her late husband dominated her life for 40 years. She deserves peace."

And because he died of natural causes, she will collect on his $100,000 life insurance policy.

Half-witted scheme is full-scale success

Two conniving Norwegians saved at least $8,000 in customs fees before driving a new car across the border — by slicing it in half.

They bought a sleek $84,000 BMW sedan, but it was considered junk by border guards when they towed it into Norway in two trips about a month apart.

Once the entire new car was in Norway, they welded it back together.

A case of shell shock

The owners of a Chinese restaurant got a welcome surprise when workmen uncovered the eatery's decorative fountain and discovered a turtle had been trapped inside for 11 years!

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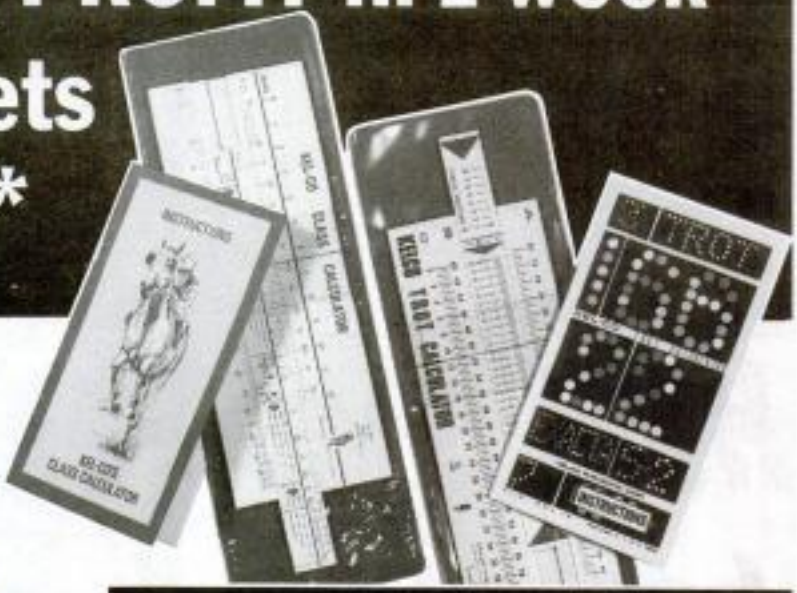

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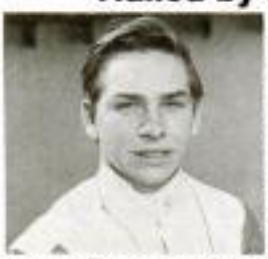

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Peewee punter

Little Brian Gardner may be small but he looks like a pro as he connects for a 5-yard punt in a neighborhood game between the Little Guys and the Big Guys in Kansas City, Kans. Four-year-old Brian and his 5-year-old pal, not shown, took on a couple of bigger boys in the football game. The little guys played hard but were edged out by the more experienced big guys.

Prissy phantom is cleaning up!

House haunted by maid's ghost

The lucky person who buys John Miller's old manor house will get an unusual bonus in the bargain — a little old ghost named Miss Heron who cleans house while residents are asleep.

She makes beds, washes dishes & dusts furniture!

The gray-haired ghost makes beds, washes dishes and dusts the furniture and she's even been known to look after children now and then, Miller says. She requires no room and board and doesn't demand a salary.

"Miss Heron has been around the house for years," Miller, who lives in Weeley, England, told reporters. "She's a nice ghost.

"Apparently she's attached to the house and doesn't want to leave it. She cleans up all the time, but unfortunately she doesn't do windows. We don't know if it's possible to train her — we haven't tried."

Miller, a schoolteacher, is putting his home up for sale because the 15-room manor house is too much trouble to maintain — even with the assistance of Miss Heron.

The 145-year-old dwelling has been haunted since shortly after World War 2 and people around the farming town of Weeley remember the ghost when she was still alive.

"She was the companion-housekeeper to an elderly woman who lived in the manor," Miller, 38, explained. "She used to wear a brown wool hat and a brown wool vest with long black skirts.

"She was a very eccentric person who talked to herself in French all the time.

"Shopkeepers in Weeley remember that the old lady came to town every day to buy hairpins."

Miss Heron died right after the war in a local hospital. A few weeks later she returned — as a ghost that haunted the manor. From that time on, the little gray-haired lady has been spotted repeatedly, dressed in her dark clothing and tending her former home as she did before she died. She dusts, she straightens the furniture, she prowls through the rooms.

And, incredibly, wherever she passes she leaves a hairpin or two.

"A former owner of the house told me that one morning he got up to discover that she'd washed an entire set of china with 24 place settings," Miller said.

"And one of my boarders got up at night for something and came back to find that she had made his bed!

"Once, when my daughter was about 6 months old, my wife went into the bedroom and found the baby in her crib, eating a chocolate cookie. The ghost gave it to her."

Miller says he and his family are going to miss Miss Heron when they move to their new home.

But whoever purchases the manor house will get a good deal, he claims.

"It's very reasonably priced and it comes with a servant who works for free."

Ancient workers buried with boss

Ancient Egyptian tombs have revealed evidence that death couldn't separate workers from their bosses.

"We were shocked when we looked at inscriptions of those who were buried in the tombs. Overseers holding their sticks, and behind, skeletons of workers," said Zahi Hawass, an archaeologist on the Giza plateau, Egypt. The workers were members of the foremen's crews, he said.

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LEAP — OR FRY!

By ELLA DAGIATO

Hundreds of shoppers and passersby froze in horror as screaming people leaped from a burning office building and plunged 100 feet to their deaths on a Rio de Janeiro street.

Brazilian authorities said 24 people perished in the fire of the 14-story downtown office building.

Three of the poor victims chose a quicker, more merciful death.

Rather than face the inferno that had already closed off all escape routes, they jumped from upper stories to the pavement below before the horrified eyes of helpless noonday shoppers.

Another 40 persons were hospitalized with injuries suffered in the terrifying blaze.

LEAPER plunges to her death rather than face the flames.

FRENZIED RESCUERS speed burn victims from a helicopter to the hospital emergency care unit, above. The downtown Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, building is engulfed in flames and smoke, left.

WOMEN'S SALARIES GAINING ON MEN'S

The earnings gap between men and women is getting smaller, according to

year-round, full-time female workers was three-fifths of the level for male

Super chief dies, leaves 11 widows

A chief in Cameroon has died at the age of 132, according to East African newspapers. Maya Ndjoum left 11 widows and 65 children.

Bob Hope and George Burns make bizarre bet:

BOB Hope says, "When George moved his lips last week, they tested him for steroids."

GEORGE Burns says, "Hope took me to a striptease because he liked the music."

$50,000 SAYS YOU'LL CROAK BEFORE I DO!

By JOHN HANNON

Geezer gagmen **Bob Hope** and **George Burns** have made the ultimate bet — $50,000 goes to the creaky comic who lives the longest! And the weird wager has sparked a funnybone war of the wrinkles between the 87-year-old Hope and the 94-year-old Burns.

"I've booked Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas for the year 2000 to have a party. I'm having George's tomb brought over to help me celebrate," said Hope.

"Why, when George moved his lips last week, they tested him for steroids. He's so old that sex is a four-letter word for him — HELP."

Veteran campaigner Burns counterattacked instantly. "Bob is dying already. Last time he played Caesar's Palace, Julius turned up.

"Hope took me to a striptease show last week because he liked the music.

"Bob's so old he only chases girls downhill — and when he catches them it takes him all night to do what he used to do all night," George deadpanned.

Hope answered this salvo with a sortie of his own.

"George is at that special age when he's glad if a girl says no," he quipped. "There's only one way to slow George down — take the tires off his wheelchair."

But Burns has no intentions of slowing down. He's booked the London Palladium on his 100th birthday in 1996.

"I'll be there, I can't afford to die — I'd lose a fortune," the cigar-chomping comic says.

Burns' best line: When asked if he ever fooled around on his wife Gracie Allen, he said: "Why bother? I could do

it myself." The aging funnymen have agreed that the winner of their bet will claim his prize from the dead loser's estate. — *London Sun.*

★ ★ ★

Janet Leigh hasn't taken a shower since eye-balling her onscreen stabbing 30 years ago in *Psycho.*

"I'm proud to have been part of something that has had so much impact," says Janet. "But I just take baths. Even the idea of being closed in a shower bothers me." — *New York Daily News.*

★ ★ ★

Now that he's got an inoperable brain tumor, Republican National Committee Chairman **Lee Atwater** has found God and doesn't hate anyone anymore. Accused of negative campaigning when he ran **George Bush's** bid for the presidency, Atwater says, "I have found Jesus Christ. It's that simple. I don't hate anybody anymore. For the first time in my life, I don't hate somebody." — *The State,* Columbia, S.C.

★ ★ ★

Randy Taraborelli wrote a downer bio of songbird Supreme **Diana Ross** and now he's doing a number on **Michael Jackson.** "I think he's a virgin," says Randy.

"I don't think he's gay, but I don't think he's straight, either. I'm trying to find a third category in there for him." — *Miami Herald.*

★ ★ ★

It was no field of dreams for **Kevin Costner** when the blond matinee idol was in high school.

"The fact that I was 5-2 as a sophomore didn't help. I'm 6-1 now but still relate to those feelings. I didn't date in high school and didn't get my growth until college. I never got over being short." — *Los Angeles Times* magazine.

★ ★ ★

John Wayne and author **Budd Schulberg** once went to the mat over a book Budd wrote, the classic Hollywood behind-the-scenes novel, *What Makes Sammy Run?* The Duke put his up, but Budd's late wife, **Geraldine Brooks,** played peacemaker.

"Still, it never changed his feeling about me or the book. Nor did I ever change my feeling about him," says Schulberg.

"By the way, I adore him as an actor onscreen. If he drank less, he could have been president. Then he'd have been really in trouble." — *Hollywood* magazine.

★ ★ ★

Something tells me rapper **M.C. Hammer** has some explaining to do. Check out his answer to this question, Do you have a girlfriend, or are you married?

"Both those questions are killers. Let's just say yes to both," M.C. explained. "I shouldn't say that. I do have someone special." — *San Francisco Examiner.*

★ ★ ★

If you think television is boring, check out **The Boring Institute.** The guy that runs it claims television is so boring that it rots your brain, leads to drug and alcohol addiction, encourages divorce and wrecks society!

Alan Caruba started the Institute in 1984, and each season picks the best of the worst. This fall's collection includes: *E.A.R.T.H. Force, Family Man, Uncle Buck, Ferris Bueller, Hull High, Cop Rock, Going Places, Parenthood* and *Parker Lewis Can't Lose.*

Brad Turell, Fox's senior vice president of publicity, says "It doesn't take a genius to predict failure on television." — *Palm Beach Post.*

★ ★ ★

Vice President **Dan Quayle** was the principal speaker at the Society of Professional Journalists convention in Louisville, Ky., recently. When asked about **David Duke,** the former KKK leader who almost won the Senate race in Louisiana, the veep blooped: "Unfortu-

WE'RE NO. 1!

It's official. *SPIN* magazine, the hip rock 'n' roll glossy, has named *Weekly World News* the Newspaper of the Year!

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You couldn't buy this kind of ink if you tried. And this is how one reader sums us up: "It's the only paper that keeps me informed of the human condition." — *SPIN.*

Lucky lady

Heavenly Heather Haase is becoming a powerful presence in Hollywood. She co-starred in the hit miniseries *Lucky* and made a splash in such popular movies as *Iron Eagle, The Burbs, Hard to Hold* and *Gremlins II.*

SAD CLOWN: Barry Manilow is used to ridicule by now.

A nose for abuse

Barry Manilow is man enough to laugh at himself

Sugary pop crooner Barry Manilow not only has heard all the nose, clothes, geek and macho jokes about himself — he actually collects 'em!

This is Barely ManEnough's favorite: Record mogul tells the Ethiopian embassy a collection of superstars is cutting a single to aid the country's starving masses. "Think of it!" says the mogul.

"Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Barry Manilow" — Ethiopians cut him off. "Barry Manilow?" they say. "Hey, we're not THAT hungry!"

And this is how it goes for Barry. Two years ago Dylan embraced him at a party and said: "Don't stop what you're doing, man. We're all inspired by you." Manilow still doesn't know what the hell Dylan meant by this. "Who knows?" shrugs Barry. "He may have been laughing out of the other side of his mouth when he said it, but it didn't seem like it." — *Rolling Stone.*

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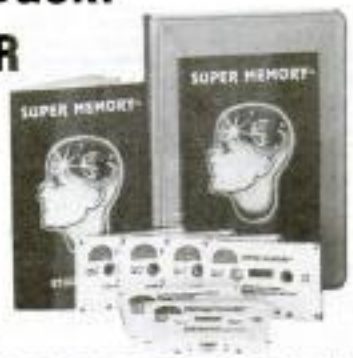

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AL CAPONE-SKI?

Fur-hatted hoods make Moscow look like Chicago in the 20s!

By LAUREL BOWIE
In Moscow

A Kremlin crackdown on tippling has turned Moscow into a scene straight out of *The Untouchables*, complete with bootleg booze, smoke-filled speakeasies — and cigar-chomping gangsters strutting the streets like fur-hatted Al Capones!

"It's absolutely wild, like Chicago in the 1920s," said stunned British businessman Brett Dow after a recent visit to Russia.

"And those gangsters, they have got to be the goofiest criminals in the world. They run around trying to act like their hero Al Capone and wind up falling on their faces like the Keystone Kops.

"They've caused a little bloodshed, but mostly they just swagger up and down the street, talking out of the side of their mouths and pretending to be tough."

Stick-in-the-mud-ski Mikhail Gorbachev brought the dingbat mobsters out of the woodwork by slashing booze supplies and jacking liquor prices sky-high in an effort to wean vodka-chugging Russkies off the sauce.

Bootleg czars' business booms in Red Square

For a time, scandalized citizens stood in lines half a mile long for a chance to wet their whistles.

"But the Russians were going to stand for that about as long as the Americans were going to put up with Prohibition," said Dow's business partner Peter Redden.

"The bootleggers started selling vodka at half price and people began converting their basements and backrooms into speakeasies, just like the Americans.

"They even have peepholes where you announce yourself to get in. You expect to walk down the street and hear people whispering, 'Ivan sent me.'"

But for comic relief, you can't beat the would-be gangsters in pinstripe suits as they rassle for control of the bootleg booze market.

"They're total stumblebums, and they're living in this fantasy world they must have dreamed up from old Jimmy Cagney movies," Redden said.

"They give themselves nicknames like Rats and Fingers, and they think they're really something — but they're the biggest bozos you ever saw.

"One night guys from two rival 'syndicates' showed up at the same speakeasy at the same time to deliver their load of vodka.

"They started screaming at each other and pushing each other around and waving these old World War 2 guns. But before they could do any real damage, a bunch of old drunk men and some fat ladies beat the tar out of them and sent them running for their lives."

On another occasion, eight addlebrained Al Capone-skis stopped to shoot it out in an alley — right behind a police station.

"The cops watched through a window until they ran out of bullets, then they came out and rounded them up," Redden recalled. "One fellow was killed and they hauled the rest of them away, probably to Siberia.

"Obviously, organized crime in Moscow isn't very organized."

THE real Al Capone, left, probably never wore a fur hat. But he's a hero to Russkie booze barons.

Just what the doctor ordered

Diners at a unique restaurant in China don't consult a waiter about what they're about to eat — they talk to the doctor on duty.

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Newest fashion craze in America — body piercing

A spine-chilling new fad called body piercing is sweeping the nation. That's right — people are actually punching holes in their nose, nipples, navels and hands to have convenient places to wear jewelry!

"You'd never guess what's hiding under the clothing of the people who come into our store," said Elayne Levine, manager of Gauntlet, a body piercing shop in Hollywood, Calif.

Miss Levine says customers thread everything from gold rings to miniature padlocks through their bodies after the piercing is complete. She calls body piercing a national fad and personally sports 15 holes in her ears, nose, wrist, navel, lip, nipples, tongue and the webbing between her forefinger and thumb!

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Greedy stores ramming Santa down our throats — in October!

CASH-CRAZED malls are stickin' Old St. Nick in our faces while we're still strolling around in our Bermuda shorts. Give us a break!

I'm madder than St. Nick with bubble gum in his beard that those money-grubbing merchants have already ruined this year's Christmas by starting their holiday feeding frenzy a week before Halloween!

Let's face it. These scrooges in Santa Claus suits might as well start piping *Jingle Bells* through the shopping mall loudspeakers in July, for crying out loud. But what makes me so reindeer-biting mad is that my little grandson Teddy has already had so much Christmas crammed down his throat he doesn't even want to talk to Santa this year!

You'd think the savings and loan crooks were behind this big-bucks plot to steal Christmas, for Pete's sake. Department store Santas don't even talk with the kids now. They used to talk with kids for free in the good old days — now you have to buy some rip-off photo package of your kid in Santaland — and the jolly old elf takes credit cards.

If they start Christmas much earlier, these dang shopping mall Santas will have a year-round job, for crying out loud.

Well, I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!

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And on Christmas Day we'll have a big family dinner with turkey and all the trimmings.

And if I hear one word from anybody about Christmas before then I'll slap the fire out of 'em and rip 'em off my gift list.

And as for those greedy toy pushers and mall managers out there, they can take their October Santa Clauses and stick 'em up their chimneys!

ED ANGER CHRISTMAS POLL

☐ YES: I agree with Ed that the money-grubbing merchants are ruining Christmas.

☐ NO: Greedy merchants have every right to start Christmas in October and ruin it for everybody.

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Gals love the blues

Lighten up, gals. Dwelling on the blues will make them last longer.

That's the conclusion of Stanford University researcher Susan Nolen-Hoeksema, who believes women may have longer depressions than men partly because they tend to dwell more on the low mood.

NEWSPAPERS IN EUROPE and Australia ran this naughty

Rock bottom prices!

Record shop gives free compact discs to nude customers

A record store was swamped with customers when the manager offered to give away free compact discs — to anyone who stripped naked.

These young gals on the left barely had time to select their favorite disc before the shop in Melbourne, Australia, was jammed with hundreds of people taking all of their clothes off.

And the delighted store owner, Jeff Harrison, helped by urging his customers to sing, dance and strip if they wanted the freebies.

Jeff even had a small band to liven the festivities. Band members were naked, too.

"The whole idea was to put fun back into buying music," nude days before but it didn't work as well as this one.

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Stunning report rocks the medical world!

MOM GIVES BIRTH TO HEALTHY FOUR-HEADED BABY!

BANGKOK — In one of the rarest horrors of nature, a young woman in Thailand has given birth to a healthy baby girl — who has four normal heads on a single body!

. . . and doctors believe it will live a full life!

By GEORGE BENNETT

The incredible four-headed baby was born to an unidentified woman in a Bangkok hospital where doctors say the infant has an excellent chance of living to maturity barring any unforeseen complications.

However, Dr. Sriwongse Havanonda said there is absolutely no hope that the heads will ever be separated.

"This is one of the strangest and most interesting cases I've ever seen," he declared. "We don't know the cause." Dr. Lom Phitsanulok, one of the woman's personal physicians, said the baby — named Peun Pang — is virtually no different from any other baby, except for the four heads.

"This is the delivery of the century! From the shoulders down, she is a normal child. She has a single liver, heart, bladder, one anus and pelvis and natural, functioning genitalia.

"The four heads usually sleep together, although sometimes one will wake up and start crying. Then the others will wake up, too.

"They cry a lot, especially when the body craves food. But we have found that all four heads must be fed at the same time.

"Obviously the single body is capable of sending independent signals to the four brains that the baby has. If we feed just one head, the neglected heads will fly into crying tantrums.

"It is all quite astonishing to see." Experts who have examined little Peun Pang agree that she will most likely live to maturity, though none are willing to hazard a guess on whether or not she can survive throughout a normal life span.

"I have grave doubts that she will have anything approaching a normal life span," Dr. Phitsanulok said. "The baby is very strong and healthy, but, as time goes by, I am sure she will encounter critical problems.

"With a great deal of luck, perhaps she will live into her 20s, but I think not much beyond that. And what the quality of her life will be, I cannot imagine."

FOWL WEATHER

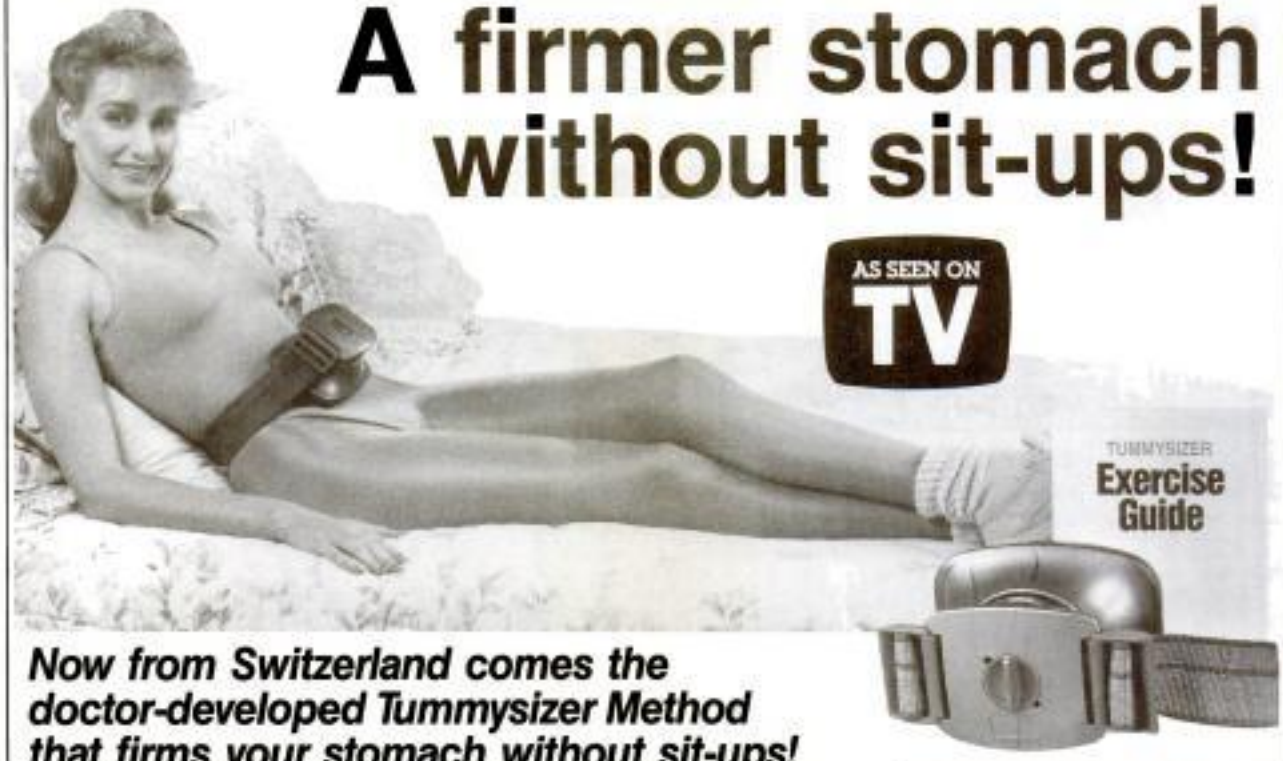
Fairy godmother helps out bride

Waitress Elaine Bissonnette longed for a beautiful $2,000 wedding dress, but couldn't afford to buy it — until a fairy godmother helped her out.

The bride-to-be got a call from generous Ellen Ferguson, who had read about Elaine and her dream dress in a local paper in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. She offered to pay for the gown as a gift.

"I just wanted to do something for someone," said Mrs. Ferguson, a 68-year-old widow. "I didn't have a daughter to

A firmer stomach without sit-ups!



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Frontier floozies didn't look like Miss Kitty!

HI, COWBOY!

The shady ladies of the Old West weren't all like *Gunsmoke's* Miss Kitty, but they were a bunch of fascinating females, according to an expert.

Yet, unfortunately, little remains in the way of historical data on the Wild West women, says Dr. Anne Butler, author of *Daughters of Joy, Sisters of Misery: Prostitutes in the American West 1865-90.* (University of Illinois Press).

The photos of the sisters in sin on this page are some of the few that survived.

They are evidence that beauty wasn't a requirement for the job.

Wild West's shady ladies were losers

Most Old West prostitutes appeared and disappeared mysteriously in towns like Denver and Laramie, servicing soldiers and railroad workers for a while, then moving on.

"Contrary to popular legend, these women rarely married and settled down to a more prosperous life," Dr. Butler said. "It was a pretty brutal existence."

Dr. Butler says she's researched the Old West's prostitutes for 11 years — including an 8,000-mile, six-week trip collecting facts and photos.

She said the greatest find on that trip was a century's worth of old files and arrest records she found in a vault of the Laramie, Wyo., jail.

— *REBECCA SPALDING*

BAWDY Lou Bunch was a madam in Central City, a Colorado mining boomtown.

THIS gawky lass was a beauty by standards of the Wild West.

MATT Dillon and Miss Kitty, left, were a world apart from this Wyoming bordello, right.

DEEP SEA GOLDMINE

By JACK RICHARD

The richest concentrations of gold and silver in the world have been discovered deep in surface. "It's a fabulous find," said precious metals analyst Robert Widdup.

American photog slips

SADDA

By BERNARD KEENE
Special to The NEWS

Saddam Hussein wants th think he's a macho man but gay — and we've got the p prove it!

The photos clearly show the 53-y president and a strapping young n ion caressing by a pool and froli water at their secret love nest on Greek island of Khalki.

The photographer who got the shots says Hussein and his lover later strolled hand in hand into an adjacent mansion, pausing momentarily to kiss while Hussein patted him affectionately on the bottom.

"I had heard the rumors that Hussein was a closet homosexual but I didn't take them seriously until I saw with my own eyes," said David Mears, the Chicago photographer who took the picture.

"Everyone who sees the photos will have to ag ously compromi as a man's mar prove that he is long."

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Other sources tion that Hus with the young and flatly calle riage to wife Sa

"Saddam Hus never been ca

SADDAM HUSSEIN and his companion enjoy a poolside chat at their island love nest in Greece.

Nasty Saddam has rotten teeth, too!

Wacky Iraqi Saddam Hussein is obviously one sick fellow, but all his problems could be cured in a flash if he'd just get his teeth fixed.

That's the bizarre conclusion of Swami Devageet, personal dentist of the late guru Osho Rajneesh.

Devageet said Rajneesh, the mystic who was kicked out of the United States in 1985, discovered before he died that "man's animal past, including his aggressive instincts, are mysteriously stored in the human dental structure."

The swami, who now lives in Poona, India, said a little dental work could make Hussein "a blissful human being instead of a blistering warmonger."

"It may sound absurd," Devageet said, "but it's a lot cheaper than a third World War."

into secret hideaway and snaps . . .

M HUSSEIN

. . . and his GAY lover!

HUSSEIN wants the world to think he's a real macho man but an American photographer has exposed the Iraqi pervert for what he is.

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able of loving a woman — he loves only men," said one Iraqi source.

"The people closest to him have always known this. But it hasn't been common knowledge until now."

Photographer Mears spent three years in the Middle East — two of them in Iraq — before he received a tip that Hussein and a male lover were staying at their island love nest and arranged to get the pictures.

It was a secret and risky operation and couldn't have been pulled off without help from some of the people closest to Hussein, he said.

"These people are still at risk so I can't discuss the details," continued the photographer. "I will say that the pictures were taken a few weeks before Hussein ordered the invasion of Kuwait in August."

Mears returned to the United States prior to the invasion and has no plans to return to the Middle East until Hussein has been ousted from power or killed.

. . . and these blockbuster pix'll knock Baghdad on its butt!

THESE shocking scenes caught Hussein and his lover in a disgusting embrace and nuzzle as they strolled arm in arm at their resort hideaway.

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FOR WEEK OF
Mon., Dec. 10-Sun., Dec. 16

By Countess Sophia Sabak

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

This week you may be a tower of strength when others need support and assistance. You'll give advice and guidance.

Seldom have you been so persuasive.

Be open to new social contacts, which could broaden your horizons.

A romance could become something more permanent with a wedding a possibility.

Timing and judgment should be on target and you should succeed at whatever you do.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

A plan or project may have to be streamlined and reorganized in the light of unexpected developments.

You could be asked to replace some equipment. Don't fight progress!

Listen to one who offers good advice, as they may be able to help you with a problem.

A love relationship may intensify and you could find that your feelings for this person are more than you have ever experienced.

Ask personal questions.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Let your hair down this week. Plan amusements with some friends and the future should be brighter.

No one tries harder than you to make sure that everyone is taken care of and provided for.

Please make sure that all of your efforts and generosities are not taken for granted.

A romantic interlude may add spice to your life. You could be surprised to find that a friend means more to you than you ever imagined.

Look for bargains.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

You may have to adjust to a domestic change that may affect marital status.

Responsibilities have you hemmed in this week. Try to break free of this burden.

Be conservative in money matters this week, as you'll need the extra cash for a rare investment opportunity.

At week's end the spirit of adventure may grab you, and you have the urge to kick up your heels and do something exciting.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Focus this week on domesticity. You are particularly vulnerable to outside influences so take it easy, stay home, alone, and watch television.

Love takes a dreamy and romantic turn.

Don't burden yourself with anyone else's problems.

You've got too much going for you to be downtrodden with the mistakes of others.

Give yourself more time to get a financial matter off the ground.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Be sure to check contest and sweepstake rules carefully as signs predict your chances of being an instant winner are greatly increased at this time.

Watch the mail for good news and rewarding opportunities this week, especially those with an out-of-town postmark.

For any of you who are in love, your feelings for the opposite sex may intensify and you could be ready to go for it!

Accent is on physical attraction.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

You may strike a chord of universal appeal this week. A tricky assignment should be completed and you could learn a valuable secret.

Romance is highlighted. Pleasure principle is heightened.

A romance could take a new swing and you may receive a letter or phone call from someone far away. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

Success in all of your ventures should be a certainty this week. Your efforts may be pushed to the utmost.

This is a week of mixed fortunes.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Stand up and take credit for your own achievements!

Be your own boss! You have taken a backseat to someone for too long.

You'll do just fine if you trust your own instincts.

Mixing business and pleasure involves your shrewd judgment.

Change your mind if you don't feel right about a situation.

A pleasant surprise when your mate takes the lead romantically. Restrictions are removed and you finally learn where you stand.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Focus on teaching, learning and attending to basic issues.

A domestic adjustment may be on the agenda this week. Be ready and don't give up anything of value.

You could be at the right place at the right time. Use diplomacy.

You may find a surprise in money matters. You could've saved more than you imagined.

Get ready for a new start.

Your personality sparkles and you should be able to persuade people to consider your views.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You may be in for a rare treat this week if you happen to be at home at the right time. Listen for the phone or doorbell to ring and prepare yourself for a big surprise.

Emotional and financial fulfillment are featured this week.

It could be necessary for you to stress independence, creativity and willingness to get to the heart of money matters.

For marrieds, the time has never been better to plan a second honeymoon.

If your birthday is this week . . .

This is your year to learn to relax and take life easy.

Your schedule should ease up and many of your worries will be behind you, freeing you to concentrate on the good life.

That special dream you've been chasing is within reach for the first time — but you've got to reach out and grab it.

This is also your year to stop fooling around and make up your mind where romance is concerned.

Don't be afraid to gamble in matters of the heart.

This could be the happiest year of your life.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

This should be a week of mixed fortunes for you.

You should encounter individuals who are practical and who mean business and can elevate your prestige.

Keep a close watch on financial matters during the next few days.

An old flame could be interested in rekindling the relationship you once shared. Proceed with caution.

A friend or neighbor has your best interests at heart even if it doesn't seem like it.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You should begin the week on a high note, with a cheerful outlook.

Friends and relatives may keep you busy on the weekend. Money problems may be resolved — you won't get exactly what you want but you should be compensated.

A new partnership is lucky if you play your cards right.

Information which has been withheld may be released and this new knowledge may help you advance.

Your residence may change and this change will be a favorable one.

WIN ★ WIN ★ WIN ★ WIN ★ WIN ★ WIN

Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

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Dog commits suicide at her owner's funeral

By MICKEY McGUIRE
Special correspondent

An aging mongrel dog named Coco sat whining on a high balcony overlooking a funeral procession for her master. Then the tiny mutt jumped over the edge — in a suicide leap to the street below!

Little Coco's death plunge brought the funeral cortege to a stunned halt. Then the mourners gently lifted her broken body from the pavement and placed it inside her master's coffin.

Within the hour, Coco and Jean Ricord were buried together in a peaceful country graveyard on the outskirts of Nice, France.

"Poor little Coco knew her beloved master would never come back," said Millie Menard, a neighbor woman who brought the dog into her home after 59-year-old Ricord had suffered a fatal heart attack seven days earlier.

"Coco could not bear to live without him. Somehow, she knew there was only one way to be with him again and she took it. She committed suicide.

"Jean had found her near death in an alley when she was just a puppy. He brought her home and nursed her back to health.

"That was 17 years ago and they had been inseparable ever since."

News accounts of Coco's suicide leap said the scruffy-looking dog sat out on the balcony for seven days, whining mournfully night and day after the sudden death of her beloved master.

"I couldn't get her into the house," explained Mrs. Menard, whose apartment is on the top floor of a four-story building next to the one where Ricord and Coco lived.

"She refused to eat any food and would take hardly any water.

"She just sat there, looking down to the street where she and Jean used to walk for hours together.

"She was sitting there that morning when the funeral procession passed in the street below.

"Suddenly, she stood up and wiggled halfway through the balcony rail.

"The sad dog just looked down into the street for a moment. Then she jumped off the edge.

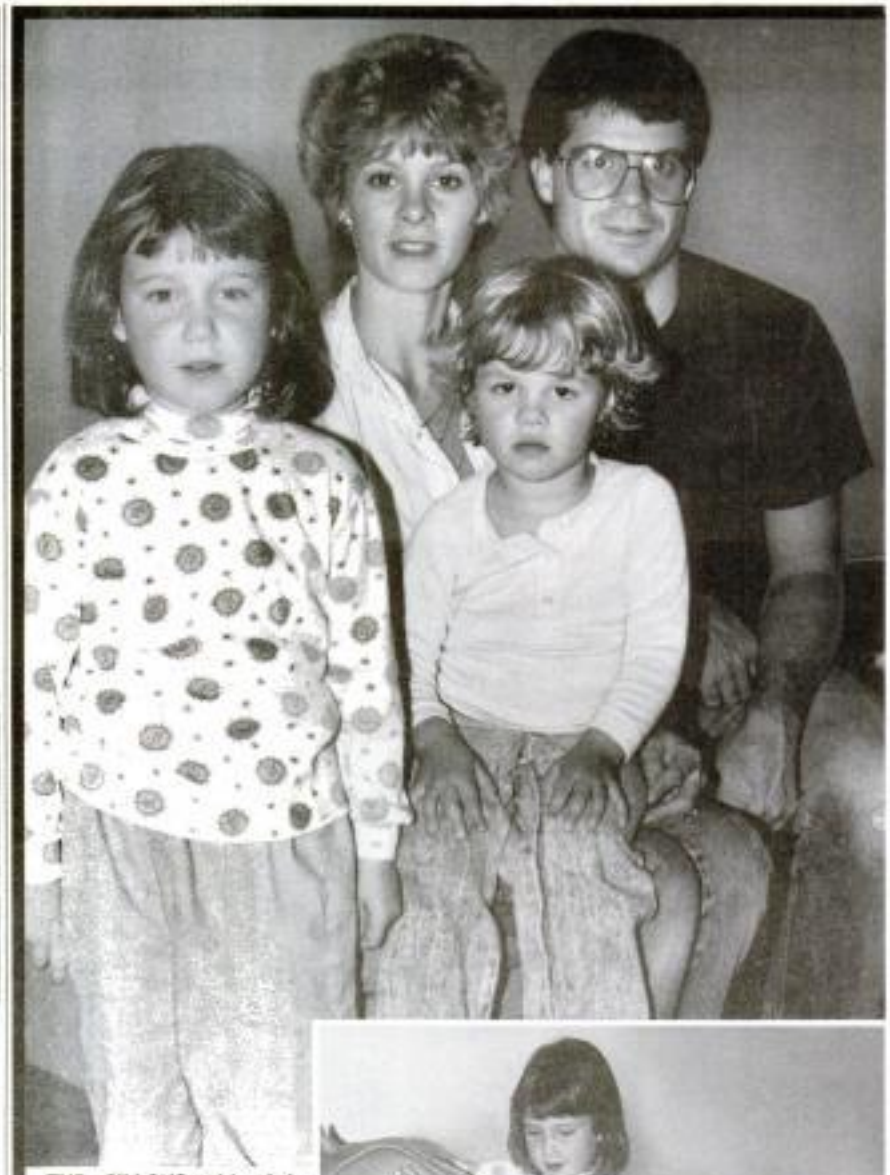
"In a way, I'm glad she did it.

COCO knew her master was never coming back to her.

ways together in life and now they are together again in death.

"It is very sad.

"But this is really the way it should be."



THE GILLONS with their daughters before the swap.

GILLON girls, Jenny and Kendra, pack for the move.

Friendly cop accused of raping woman motorist

A deputy had a spotless career until a young woman said he stopped her car in the wee hours, handcuffed her and raped her twice.

The 26-year-old woman said Deputy Thomas Stricklin pulled her car over near Orlando, Fla., because of a missing tail light.

"He suspected she had been drinking and gave her a field sobriety test," said sheriff's spokesman Denise Gainer.

"She said he handcuffed her and told her he was going to take her in for more tests, but instead took her to a field," who wasn't identified, claimed in an affidavit that Stricklin raped her before taking her to her home.

Stricklin, 43, has been charged with kidnapping and sexual battery. He has been jailed without bond and suspended with pay pending an investigation by the sheriff's internal affairs department.

Stricklin has chosen not to give a public statement until this investigation is completed, said Miss Gainer.

He has been a deputy since 1989 after retiring as police chief of the nearby Orlando Naval Training Center. His personnel file contains several

This couple traded their girls . . . for this mom's two sons!

NEIGHBORS SWAP KIDS!

MOM Patricia Monami with her sons before the trade.

By SAMMY LEWIS
Special correspondent

Paul and Marie Gillon swapped their daughters for a neighbor's sons in one of the strangest adoption cases on record.

Even more amazing, the kiddie switch was made with the blessing of government officials who concluded that the trade was in the best interests of both families.

"Adoptions are very serious and this one was certainly no exception," Roger Franck, of the Children's Welfare Office, told newsmen in Antwerp, Belgium.

"But after reviewing the situation we decided that the trade was both appropriate and beneficial. The children are happy. The parents are happy.

"You can't ask for more than that, now can you?"

The Gillons' decision to swap children with single parent Patricia Monami wasn't made in haste.

The families live three houses apart and had known each other for two years before Mrs. Gillon half-jokingly mentioned a trade and Mrs. Monami said: "I might take you up on that."

"Paul and I always wanted boys and Patricia wanted girls so the trade was a natural," said Mrs. Gillon. "We discussed it with the children and they were all for it.

"At that point we decided: 'Why not?' "

The Gillons and Mrs. Monami told authorities of their intention to trade children in July. Adoption papers were drawn up after the required investigation and the families signed them in late September. Now Mrs. Monami's sons Bobby, 6, and Carl, 2, are living with the Gillons. And the Gillons' daughters Jenny, 8, and Kendra, 3, are living with Mrs. Monami.

"We still have visitation rights with our natural children so we not only got our cake — we get to eat it, too," Mrs. Monami said.

Mrs. Gillon added: "My husband and I are thrilled with the trade and we're going to do everything in our power to give the boys a good life with us.

"That's not to say we'll forget the girls. We've got enough love for them, too."

Oddly enough, the child swap is not without precedent. In 1977 two German families traded children after a bitter and lengthy legal battle with the government.

Bizarre adoptions have made everybody happy!

MONAMI boys, Bobby and Carl, get their things together.

Hungarians on UFO blue alert

So many UFOs are being sighted in Hungary that scientists have established the UFO Data Collection Center to coordinate investigations!

One of the most spectacular reports came from bus driver Imre Herczeg, who has suffered from headaches and bloodshot eyes since he came face-to-face with a space alien in the village of Kisbajcs on July 24.

"Its pear-shaped head had two slanted eyes. Its entire body was steel blue. And its hands seemed disproportionately long, with four fingers on each one," the still-shaken man said.

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Rich brat gets 50 years for butchering his parents

He slit their throats for taking the car away!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A spoiled-rotten son who slit his parents' throats when they cracked down on his life-style has been sentenced to prison for the next 50 years.

Rich kid Martin Tankleff, 19, was found guilty of the brutal murders of his parents in their swank Long Island Sound, N.Y., home two years ago. Cops called to the home that fateful night found the mutilated bodies of Arlene and Seymour Tankleff. They had been horribly bludgeoned with a barbell and stabbed and slashed with a carving knife.

"Martin was a boy who had everything in life and still thought he deserved more," said prosecutor Ed Jablonski. "His parents spoiled him, and when they tried to crack down, he flew into a rage and killed them."

The murderous son was angry at his mom and dad because they restricted his use of the family boat and all-terrain vehicle, wouldn't allow him to drive the family's newer cars and wouldn't let him attend college in Florida. The sneaky teen slipped up behind his father in the family study, slit his throat and finished him off with the barbell.

Martin, then 17, attacked his mother the same way as she slept in an upstairs bedroom. A few hours later he called cops saying he had found his parents dead.

A jury deliberated several days before finding Martin guilty of two counts of murder.

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VICIOUS Martin Tankleff

Billfold bonanza

A lot of faded memories came flooding back when a stranger handed George St. Mary a forgotten memento from his past — the wallet he lost in 1937!

Two men installing a security system in the Temple Theater in Saginaw, Mich., found the wallet in a crawl space beneath the seat where St. Mary had been sitting 53 years ago.

The wallet still held his driver's license, which expired in 1940, an expired hunting license, 20 faded snapshots and his Social Security card, but no cash. "I never had much money in those days," 72-year-old St. Mary said.

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'I'm coming back,' he says in exclusive interview!

HOUDINI SPEAKS FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

. . . just like he said he would!

Master magician Harry Houdini has finally kept the astonishing promise he made just before he died — and has spoken out to us from beyond the grave!

Even more incredibly, the shifty showman has vowed to perform his most amazing escape ever on Oct. 23, 1993 — when he slips the bonds of death and returns to Earth!

By LAUREL BOWIE

"I'm coming back, not reincarnated as a baby but as the man I was the day I died," Houdini told super psychic Countess Sophia Sabak in an amazing, hour-long interview from the hereafter.

"I am going to prove once and for all that there is a life after death, and I'm going to tell the people of the world just what they can expect on the other side.

"At last, the veil will be lifted from this mystery of mysteries."

The illustrious escape artist swore just before his death in 1926 that he would make contact with the living shortly after entering heaven. But Houdini's mind-blowing conversation with Countess Sabak last week was the first time he'd been heard from in 64 years.

"It was not nearly as easy as I had thought to get through," a happy Houdini admitted.

"There are restrictions here as there are on Earth. Everything must wait its proper time and proper place."

The legendary illusionist said he's learned our lives are controlled by a master plan that has already determined the fate of the universe for centuries to come. "Here we are allowed glimpses of that plan, but only glimpses," he told Countess Sabak. "Only God Himself knows the whole picture."

But based upon what he knows of God's plan, Houdini offered these predictions for the remainder of the 1990s and beyond:

- Virtually every militarized country on Earth will join forces under a major new treaty near the turn of the century — to prepare for an impending war with forces from another solar system.
- Average life expectancy for humans will jump to 150 years by 2010 when science discovers a way to slow aging by lowering our body temperature.
- Discovery of an ancient scroll containing shocking new historical data will lead to reforms in all the world's major religions before 1999.

"There are many more things I could tell you, and I will when I come back in 1993," Houdini said.

But the mystical magician refused to say exactly where we should look for him when he returns from the great beyond. "I may go to Wisconsin," he said. "I always loved Wisconsin."

ESCAPE artist magician Harry Houdini practiced before he died

This rooster is no chicken

No one has to guess why Rusty the rooster crosses the road. He's hungry and he knows food is on the other side.

Rusty crosses a busy highway every morning for a free handout at a restaurant in a suburb of Dublin, Ireland.

Customers have erected a sign about five miles in either direction warning motorists of the "Rooster Crossing."

"Rusty usually looks both ways before crossing and sometimes he stops in the middle and waits for traffic, then waddles the rest of the way across," said customer

Just in time!

A man who had been arrested seven times for drunk driving finally had his license revoked, but only because a new Florida law had gone into effect 25 minutes before.

William T. Brown, 40, of West Palm Beach refused to submit to a breathalizer test so police pulled his license under

We don't want our $5 million jackpot!

WINNER David Gillis with his $5 million check.

By JACK ALEXANDER

It's too much fuss — the kids can have it!

An elderly couple has been pestered so much by guys with get-rich-quick gimmicks since winning a $5 million lottery — they're giving all the money to their kids!

"We had enough money to get along with before," said Sarah Gillis, 85. "I never had so much bother in all my life. People calling. Newspapers calling."

Sarah and her husband, David, 81, don't want to go on a cruise, buy a ritzy car or move to a new neighborhood just because they are rich.

"We've got five of the nicest neighbors anybody ever had," said Sarah from their home in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

"My husband doesn't want to be bothered with all that stuff. I'd just as soon live my life the way it was before."

The two oldsters plan to buy "a few little things — like clothes and things for the house" — but 99.9 percent of their winnings will go to their son and three daughters.

Friends have asked the couple why they bought a lottery ticket if they didn't want the money. David had been buying them for years out of habit.

"We lived through the Depression and we didn't have anything," she said. "You raise four children and put them through university and nursing school, and all that jazz, it just kept us down financially."

Sarah would like for all the salesmen and others who have made a pitch for their fortune to know "the money is spoken for."

A SAINT HE AIN'T!

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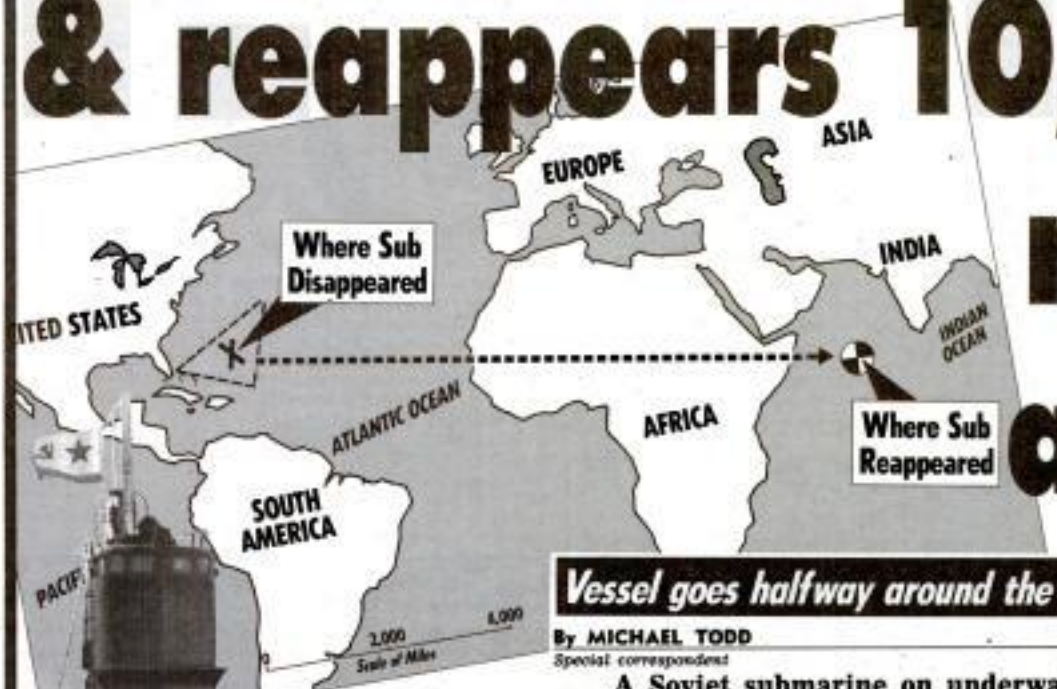

Vessel goes halfway around the world in a second!

By MICHAEL TODD
Special correspondent

A Soviet submarine on underwater maneuvers in the Devil's Triangle one minute, surfaced 10,000 miles away in the Indian Ocean the next, Moscow-based researchers report.

But here's the shocker: In the instant it took the sub to travel nearly halfway round the globe, the members of the 93-man crew aged anywhere from five to 20 years, the Soviet experts say.

The incident and results of intensive testing of the sub and crew, though tentative, have received unprecedented attention in Soviet scientific and military journals.

The author of three of those reports, research team leader Dr. Alexei Mazurov, has openly speculated that the submarine passed through a portal not unlike those leading into warps in time and space.

"Not unlike, but somehow different," wrote the experimental physicist in the latest and lengthiest of his reports.

"Although we know little, scientifically, about the effects on the human body of accelerated travel through time and/or space, we do know that aging, particularly selective aging, is unheard of.

"These men lost five to 20 years of their lives in the span of a heartbeat, seemingly without explanation."

Stunned sub Commander Nikolai Shibayev told Dr. Mazurov as well as his military superiors, that the mission off the coast of Bermuda was proceeding without a hitch when the submarine started to shudder at a depth of about 120 feet.

"Just as suddenly as it began, the shuddering stopped, and I felt the unmistakable sensation that we were surfacing," he said.

"It happened so quickly that we had time to do nothing. Our instruments showed that we were on coordinates placing us 300 miles off the east central coast of Africa."

Their location confirmed, the stunned commander requested and received permission to steam immediately for home port, Grigorevsky in the Black Sea, the Soviet media said.

The crew members, reportedly in shock, were debriefed by Soviet military officials and jetted to a research facility in Moscow.

Dr. Mazurov reported that the crew bore the unmistakable symptoms of aging, including "wrinkles, graying of hair, a reduction in elasticity of the flesh and sharpness of vision."

"From the standpoint of these individuals, that is, indeed, tragic," he wrote. "From the standpoint of science, it is a blessing beyond measure.

"These transformed men are the doorway to a new vista of understanding — if only we can find the key that unlocks it."

INCREDIBLE! Members of the Soviet submarine's crew aged from 5 to 20 years during the split-second voyage.

Football hero didn't choke — but mom did!

Proud mom Candace Overocker choked to death on a piece of candy while cheering her son during a high school football game! The tragedy unfolded when Shawn Overocker caught a pass in St. Theresa High's game against Monticello High School in Monticello, Ill. When Mrs. Overocker cut loose with a cheer, a piece of candy she was eating got stuck in her throat.

Her heart failed before anyone could get the candy out, authorities said.

— JEANNE KOLDEN

By REBECCA SPALDING

HOW TO LAND A HUSBAND IN 30 DAYS

If you're worried about winding up an old maid, don't be. Wendy Stehling says anyone can find a hubby — in just 30 days!

The New York author questioned 3,500 men about how they meet their women and came up with a book of surefire hints on husband-hunting.

"Guys like to meet wife material not at a bar, but in a non-threatening, non-sexual atmosphere," said Miss Stehling, whose book *How to Find a Husband in 30 Days* (Pinnacle Books, N.Y.) has been a runaway best-seller. "Laundromats and grocery stores are good. Jogging is perfect. Most men adore women who are sports oriented."

The writer — who became engaged to a man she met while researching her mantrap techniques — shared her secrets:

● **Look in the right places:** Check out camera stores, car dealerships, horse races, supermarkets, car washes. Go where the men are and you'll get a man.

● **Take up sports:** Men love sports and they'll like thinking they can share them with their wife. Sailing, golfing, tennis, shooting and jogging are great ways to meet a man to marry — but be serious about it. Don't just pretend to enjoy the sport. Put your heart into it.

● **Keep your eyes open at work:** It's one of the few places you can really get to know a man well, and the two of you will have a lot in common. Smart secretaries go for their bosses — then make sure they can fit into his world.

● **Spruce up:** Exercise, firm up the flab. Lose weight if you need to. Keep nails and hair clean and try to give up smoking. Stop swearing and drink moderately — men don't want a wife who's one of the boys.

● **Speak up:** Don't be afraid to talk to him when he enters your life. Break the ice with a compliment and use your sense of humor. Men like jokes and friendly bantering because it takes the pressure off a new relationship.

● **Accept blind dates:** They can't hurt you and they may turn up a gem.

● **Polish up** your **womanly skills:** Learn to cook. Men love to be fussed over by a woman in an apron, and almost anyone can learn to flip a steak into the broiler. Clean up your house. Men like to think a prospective bride is a housekeeping whiz.

● **Travel alone:** Men are easy to meet in the first-class section of an airplane or while you're struggling with that heavy suitcase at the bus station.

Bloody awful

Two people who dangled 2,000 feet in the air in a wrecked tramway car escaped uninjured — but they want the ride's owner to pay for having the daylights scared out of them!

●David Ballinger and Jacqueline Didier spent 10 minutes in the Palm Springs, Calif., tram after a huge bolt ripped through it, killing one woman. The pair claim they were splashed with the dead woman's blood.

Fancy footwork

By JACK RICHARD

Grocery store super employee Duncan Walker helped nab a pair of shoplifting suspects by dashing into the parking lot and jumping through the windshield of their car!

Walker's foot shattered the windshield of the suspects' Mercury Bobcat, forcing them to flee.

Bystanders caught 'em while Walker was taken to a hospital in Fort Worth, Tex., for treatment of gashes on his right leg.

3-foot-2 woman gives birth!

A 3-foot, 2-inch woman became the world's tiniest mother when she gave birth to a 19½-inch baby boy!

Press Trust of India reports that the woman, who was identified only as "Guddi," is a full 7 inches shorter than the previous record holder.

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If I was a woman I might be willing to do it. But my boss is a man and so am I, and the very idea of getting intimate with him to boost my career is revolting to me. — Trapped in Wooten

Dear Trapped: Get yourself a good lawyer and sue your "Brucie boy" boss for sexual harassment. His proposal is patently illegal — and you should make him pay for it!

You will burn in hell, Dotti

Dear Dotti: When you die you're going to burn in hell. I personally guarantee it! — Mad in Reno

Dear Mad: Don't be a pinhead. People like me go to heaven!

Kids shouldn't get to answer the phone

Dear Dotti: I'm mad enough to chew nails! I'm a telephone solicitor who just got off the phone with a little brat who refused to get his mother or dad for me unless I told him who I was. He kept saying: "Who's calling? What is your name?" in this snotty little voice. What's wrong with parents these days, Dotti? Don't they have enough sense to keep their stupid kids off the phone? — Furious in Lexington

Dear Furious: That child had every right to answer the phone and ask who was calling, and when you refused to tell him, he should have hung up. Since you use a telephone professionally, you ought to learn a little etiquette. When you call someone, state your name and then talk!

Confidential

Dear Curious in Midvale: Bo Derek, Raquel Welch, Brooke Shields and me!

Dear Fuming in Morgan Park: For goodness sakes, man — take a bath!

Dear Humiliated in Bristow: Don't worry about it. Anyone could get a condom stuck to his shoe.

Dear Big 'Un in Griswold: Big deal, bub. My man can tie his in a knot!

Dear Wondering Wife in Lamero: Now why do you think that secretary was underneath your husband's desk?

Dear Happy Boy in Guthrie: That's fine and dandy. Just don't eat the carrot!

Should I dump my shady friend?

Dear Dotti: Tina is one of my very best friends but a lot of people put her down because she has a "past." She really means a lot to me, Dotti, but those other people might be right. Should I like her as much as I do? Please help me decide. — Troubled in W. Va.

Dear Troubled: Good friends are hard to come by and you'd be a fool to give one up without a fight.

Forget what other people say. You know better than they do what Tina is all about!

Naked neighbor won't stop flashing

Dear Dotti: A few weeks ago I wrote to you about a neighbor who walks around his house naked with the curtains open and you told me to call the cops. I did and they said my neighbor isn't breaking any laws as long as he stays in his house. I'm really sick of this, Dotti. What do I do now? — Shocked Gal in Somerville

Dear Shocked: You can do one of two things: Buy binoculars and enjoy the show or keep YOUR curtains closed!

Mom still treats me like a child

Dear Dotti: I'm a 16-year-old girl and my mother still treats me like I'm 12. She puts me to bed at night and even tells my dates that I'm her "little girl." How can I tell her I'm growing up without hurting her feelings? — Needs Help in Kinston

Dear Needs: You sound like an intelligent young lady so I'm going to give you some good advice: Do what your mother says and keep your mouth shut!

Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Just write to her, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Ask the Countess

Will God drop a bomb on the bingo game next door?

Dear Countess: I live next door to a church where they play big-stakes bingo on Sundays. In my opinion these people are breaking the Lord's commandment to rest on the Sabbath and one of these days He's going to drop a bomb on them.

Do you think I'm in any danger, Countess? Like I said, I live right next door to this church. — Scared in Iowa

Dear Scared: I don't think you have anything to worry about. If the Good Lord does drop a bomb, you can rest assured He'll be accurate!

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Dear Countess: I'm divorced and have been seeing a

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that he doesn't love his wife. I want to believe we will be together someday. Can you tell me if — and when? — Devoted in Pocahantas

Dear Devoted: You're fool-

have anything other than an adulterous relationship. Do yourself a favor and find a single man to build your future with.

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mean, these ugly zits are ruining my life. Is there anything you can do to help me, like cast a spell or something? — Zit Boy in Tucson

Dear Zit: Your pimples are the result of raging hormones, and if I did anything to make them go away, you wouldn't develop normally. I will cast a spell to make you worry less about your complexion and feel good about yourself. That's the most important thing — not worry about your looks.

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Dear Countess: I'm a flop personally and professionally and can't find a man or a vocation that suits me. It really

to control any of it. — Down and Out in Florida

Dear Down: If you really want to succeed you'll have to break with the past, stop playing it safe and take a few chances. You have a bright and rewarding future in front of you, if you follow your intuitions and instincts and don't look back!

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Waiting in Atlanta: **You're looking too hard, dear. The man of your dreams works right beside you five days a week!**

Terrified in Sacramento: **You have every right to be**

Whole town scared to death!

Horror-stricken corpses look as if they'd seen a monster!

A hundred hardy farmers and their families lived in quiet solitude in a remote mountain village till some heart-stopping horror descended on the tiny town — and scared every man, woman and child to death!

By LAUREL BOWIE

A shell-shocked cop reported the baffling tragedy after he drove to little Ixtil, Chile, looking for a friend — and found 278 bodies scattered across the landscape.

"There were dead people everywhere, lying with their faces twisted and their eyes gaping like they'd just seen Satan himself," said trembling Detective Diego Dumas.

"The place was like a ghost town, except for some starving dogs slinking around with their tails between their legs.

"I don't know what the hell happened there, but something paid a visit to Ixtil — and whatever it was, it was horrible."

The distraught detective phoned in an alarm that brought dozens of police and medical investigators racing up the rutted, rock-strewn road into the ill-fated village.

"At first it looked like the town was wiped out by some dread disease, but when we examined the bodies we realized it was no epidemic that killed Ixtil," said dumbfounded Dr. Pablo Baccarro.

"These people died of fright, there is no doubt in my mind. They saw something so terrifying, their hearts simply gave out on them.

"Every single person in that town just keeled over and died on the spot, and there wasn't an injury or a mark on any of them."

But six sturdy wood cabins near the center of town had been crushed to the ground and an enormous evergreen tree had been yanked up by its roots — stirring speculation that Ixtil had been invaded by space aliens or some kind of marauding monsters.

"It looked like some beast had put a giant foot on top of those houses and just tromped them to the ground," said puzzled police superintendent Sergio Perez. "And I simply can't imagine what kind of force uprooted that huge old tree and tossed it aside like a toothpick. The experts tell us there were no storms or big winds in the area, so I guess you could say we don't have a clue."

Bewildered investigators are sifting through the rubble of the crushed cabins, checking soil samples and examining the toppled tree in hopes of finding out what evil invaded Ixtil. But Det. Dumas feels sure they'll never track down the culprit.

"I had a friend who died in that town, and this man was afraid of nothing on Earth," said the dejected detective. "I don't know what scared my buddy Jorge to death — but whatever it was, it was not from this world."

DETECTIVE Diego Dumas

Chowhounds

County property appraiser Bob Bryant wants the owner of two pit bulls to reimburse him $166 in damages after the dogs tried to eat his car!

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Yuk! Office workers drank it for 4 months!

WHO WEE-WEE'D IN THE COFFEE?

Workers at a bread company noticed the office coffee had tasted peculiar for about four months, and one day they found out why — a spiteful employee had been peeing in it.

"He sneaked up to the coffee machine when no one else was around and let it fly," said Jeff Simmons, office manager for Merita Bread in Greensboro, N.C.

By JACK ALEXANDER

The 14 office workers recalled that the brew from the machine began tasting "funny" in late July. "I thought to myself it tasted like urine, but I didn't want to tell anyone that," said Simmons. "But every day, it got worse."

Simmons and the others switched brands of coffee, cleaned the coffee machine thoroughly, and when the same putrid taste continued, they bought a brand-new 75-cup coffee machine.

"We were sitting around trying to get the raunchy taste out of our mouths one day when I had to tell them what had been on my mind," said Simmons.

"'Somebody's been peeing in our coffee,' I said, 'but who?'

"Then we remembered a delivery truck driver from our bakery in Charlotte had a run-in with some of our people awhile back," Simmons added.

Simmons and a police detective decided to stake out the coffee machine and catch the culprit in the act. They didn't have long to wait.

"He came into the office, whipped it out and relieved himself in our coffee," Simmons told *The NEWS*. "When we confronted him, he acted like he didn't know what was going on."

Police arrested Dale D. Tinstman, 46, and charged him with adulteration of food with intent to cause serious injury.

"Funny thing is, we all had a little of that coffee every morning for four months," said Simmons.

Angry co-worker caught taking a leak in the pot, say cops

THE "funny" taste in the office coffee was caused by a spiteful employee's disgusting prank, say cops.

HEADS UP!

Our sharp-eyed photographer snapped this bizarre shot of two repairmen on a street in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Lower your cholesterol — and die sooner!

Everybody's worried about cholesterol but people who manage to lower it through diet and exercise may die sooner, says an expert.

According to a study by National Heart, Weiss, people who lower their cholesterol become more aggressive — increasing their risk of death by accidents or suicide!

Girl, 11, dies when mom gives her an abortion to get rid of Satan's baby!

MOM Rosa Gonzalvez was led away in handcuffs after she told a judge she gave her daughter a fatal abortion.

An innocent 11-year-old died in agony, authorities say, after her mother became convinced she was carrying Satan's baby and gave her a homemade abortion!

Little Rosa Fernandez Gonzalvez, a sixth grader, was killed when her mom, assisted by two friends, reached into her body to remove her "fetus" and pulled out the girl's intestines, according to police reports.

By SUSAN JIMISON

"She was pregnant by the Devil," the child's mother, Rosa Gonzalvez, told a judge at her arraignment. "We were following God's orders."

"This is just an unbelievable tragedy," sobbed little Rosa's uncle, Jose Ibanez. "Who would have thought that my sister-in-law could do something so barbaric to her own daughter?

"I don't understand why the neighbors didn't call police when they heard little Rosa's screams. She'd still be alive right now if they had."

But neighbors of the Gonzalvez family in Almansa, Spain, say that although they heard loud chanting and noises in the early hours of the morning, they heard nothing so alarming that they would have called for help.

It was the day after little Rosa's death that a neighbor noticed a stream of blood oozing from the Gonzalvezes' doorway and called authorities.

And when police arrived it was already too late to do anything for the dark-haired girl.

"The officers entered the house and went up to the second floor, where they saw scenes they'll never forget," said Jose Montoro, who investigated the murder for a Spanish magazine.

"In one of the bedrooms they found the corpse of the girl Rosa Fernandez completely nude and covered with blood.

"Her intestines had been pulled out of her body, the result of an 'abortion' performed by her mother and two friends. In a corner of the room they saw sobbing Rosa Gonzalvez, the mother of the girl, her clothes covered in blood."

Police say the trio who killed little Rosa also attacked the child's aunt, injuring her seriously when she tried to help Rosa. Mrs. Gonzalvez and sisters Maria Mercedes and Maria Rodriguez Espinilla have been arrested and are being held pending trial.

"We still don't understand why this happened," said uncle Jose Ibanez.

TRAGIC Rosa Fernandez Gonzalvez, 11, died during a homemade abortion performed by her mom and two friends.

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● Guess what's the most used word throughout the world in any language. Give up? Would you believe — O.K.?

● The most common disease in the whole wide world is . . . decaying teeth!

● While we're on the subject of teeth . . . have you ever wondered how they get the toothpaste into the tube? Well they put it in at the bottom and then crimp it shut — except in the case of striped toothpaste. That's squirted into the neck of the tube by a special machine. The rest of the process is a secret!

● There is strong evidence to support the belief that chimpanzees are smarter at birth than are newborn human babies.

● Next to the United States, the country with the most Baptists is the Soviet Union!

● You might think General Motors or Ford would have been first to offer seat belts. Fact is, Nash Rambler beat both, bringing them out in 1950.

● Napoleon's sister Pauline was so proud of her breasts that she commissioned an artist to sculpt a nude statue of her.

● Do you know how many active volcanoes there are on Earth? Five hundred including America's own Mount St. Helens.

● If you just can't seem to save any money, you're not alone. Two of five American wage earners are in the same boat, statisticians report.

● The Canada goose doubles its weight every week for the first month of life. If a human baby did the same, it would tilt the scales at about 100 pounds at the tender age of 4 weeks.

● Boys with divorced parents have far more behavioral problems than do girls in the same situation, studies show.

● The Wizard of Oz made his home in Emerald City, but do you know who lived on the Emerald Planet? Starman, a Japanese sci-fi film character.

● Former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's middle name is Strange.

● American journalists stationed in Russia claim that Soviet ice cream is much better tasting than ours.

● Albert Einstein never wore socks. He believed they were more trouble than they were worth.

● Rome has been around for a long, long time, but it's only been the capital of Italy since 1870.

● Long before Britain ruled the seas, the Vikings were the world's greatest sailors. They didn't have citrus fruits to eat on long voyages to avoid scurvy, but ate sauerkraut, which prevented the crippling disease.

● Teenagers in Switzerland get a break at the bank. They get a higher rate of interest on their savings accounts than adults do.

● The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to their jobs is, strangely enough, Alaska. Then come North Dakota, Montana and South Dakota, also cold states.

● A guitar string has an average life span of 40 hours of strumming.

● Here's something to keep in mind when you're watching your manners. Experts agree that a man should always take off his hat before he kisses a woman in public.

● The song *Linda* was at the top of the hit parade for several weeks in 1949 so it's not surprising that Linda is the most popular name for 41-year-old women.

● The men of Los Angeles buy more skin creams and hair spray than the men in any other city in the world.

● The famed Alps mountain range of Europe falls across seven different countries. They are: Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy, Germany, Yugoslavia and tiny Liechtenstein.

BABY chimpanzees are smarter than newborn humans.

Crew flattens wrong house

Duane Downey was dumbfounded when he drove up to his home and saw a wrecking crew — ripping it to pieces.

"What the hell's going on here?" Downey shouted as the wrecking ball leveled his antique fireplace.

"Somebody's made a terrible mistake."

But before the horrified homeowner could get their attention, every floor in his Melbourne, Australia, home had been destroyed.

The wrecking crew had been given paperwork with the wrong address.

"Someone's going to pay for this," said Downey. "This is too incredible to believe."

Look out below!

Hammer thrower Billie Morris ducks, afraid that the heavy ball and chain he just threw might return to sender. It landed inches away during the competition in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Husband's deathbed confession . . .

'I fed my battle-ax wife to the piranhas'

HE GOT REVENGE: Leo Malaet.

NAGGING wife Maxine Malaet, above left, was eaten by a school of hungry piranhas.

By MICKEY McGUIRE

After years of abuse and humiliation at the hands of his wife Maxine, henpecked hubby Leo Malaet got his sweet revenge — when he pushed her into a river teeming with flesh-eating piranhas!

In a matter of minutes his 205-pound tub-of-lard wife had every shred of flesh stripped from her blubbery carcass.

Leo, 52, rid himself of mammoth Maxine while they were on a South American package tour that included a sight-seeing trip down Brazil's Amazon River. Her horrifying death was ruled an "unfortunate accident."

But little more than a week ago, as cancer-ravaged Leo lay on his deathbed in his home outside Arlon, Belgium, he confessed to his parish priest how Maxine's death had not been an accident, but a calculated act of murder.

"He said that he had nudged his wife into the river knowing that the piranhas would finish her off before anyone could help her," said family friend Christian Matrige, who was witness to Leo's electrifying confession.

"He said it was an act of utter desperation by a man who was at the end of his rope . . . a man who had been verbally badgered, battered and beaten by a witch whose only joy in life was to make his life agony."

Matrige said Maxine Malaet was a woman awash in illusions of grandeur who believed with all her heart that she deserved far better than the life she had with Leo.

"I think she nit-picked him 'til he cracked," said Matrige.

"Somehow Leo got her to take the South American tour. That's where he planned to kill her.

"While they were on the trip down the Amazon River, Maxine was standing at the rail of the boat and Leo said he knew the time had come for his wife to die. He told the priest, 'I gave her a bump and let gravity do the rest. She toppled and sank like a rock.'

"He said the water was red with her blood. There were thousands of piranhas chewing on her flesh and they turned the water into a bloody froth. All that was found of Maxine were her bones.

"After Maxine's death, Leo came back to Belgium and went on with his life.

"He sold the small factory he owned, bought a flower shop and started to enjoy some of the things Maxine never allowed him to do.

"When he learned he had terminal cancer, he took it in stride. He was a very happy man . . . right up to the end."

BEAUTY QUEEN Karin Kolb leaves thoughts of her Dutch homeland behind as she enjoys a day on the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., beach.

ELEPHANT LOVE

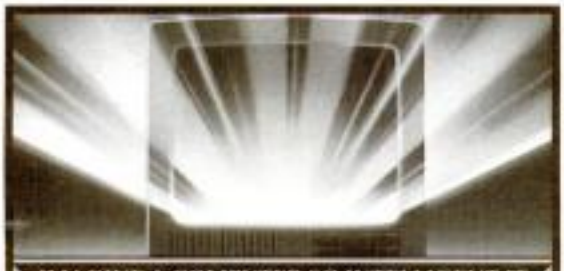
A young Swiss tourist went on an elephant ride in Thailand, fell in love with the elephant keeper — and married him that night.

Anouk Tschabold, 22, of Lausanne, says she's going to quit her job working with computers and live with her husband and his relatives in Chiang Rai, northern Thailand.

Jinxed divers

The rotting wreck of a World War 2 cruiser has pulled a seventh diver to a watery grave off Long Island, N.Y.

Two diving pals of William Hume, 40, found his body in the hull of the *USS San Diego*, a dangerous diving site. At least six other divers have lost their lives at the wreck.



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Explorer had given up hope after friends died

Bigfoot rescued me from death on an icy ledge!

Hairy creature gently pulled me to safety!

Terrified explorer Emil Stajner clung to an icy ledge high in the storm-swept Himalayas and stared death in the face for three agonizing hours before being rescued — by a giant, lumbering Bigfoot!

By STAN KAPLOW

"There is no doubt the creature saved my life," the shaken Stajner told a scientific journal in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

"I had watched my companions plunge a thousand feet down the mountain and could feel the ledge slowly crumbling beneath my feet. I knew I couldn't last much longer.

"I had given up all hope of life when the beast appeared from out of nowhere to save me."

Stajner's hair-raising adventure unfolded while he and seven other Yugoslav meteorologists were conducting weather studies near Mount Everest in Nepal.

Stajner and two colleagues, Dusan Imre and Ivan Meden, were setting up their equipment on a shelf six miles from the base camp when horror struck.

"We thought we were on safe footing, but suddenly the ice and snow gave way under us," the 31-year-old scientist recalled.

"It happened so fast. Dusan and Ivan screamed and fell into the precipice. I knew automatically that they were dead and I thought I was going to die with them.

"But I started to slide and fought desperately to hang on. Somehow I wound up unhurt on a ledge about three feet wide and 30 feet down."

The frightened father of four huddled on his precarious perch for hours, staring a thousand feet straight down the mountain and thinking about the loved ones he'd left at home.

"To me, all hope was lost," Stajner said. "I knew no one would find me there.

"Then I heard a commotion from the shelf above and when I looked up there was the Bigfoot peering down at me. He was massive, at least 8 feet tall and completely covered with hair.

"It was like something out of science fiction. Suddenly he began lowering one of the safety ropes we'd left on the ledge. I grabbed the rope and tied it under my arms and around my waist. He waited sound, and then slowly and carefully pulled me to safety.

"He was so strong my weight was like nothing to him. He pulled me onto solid ground and then lumbered away."

Stajner made his way back to camp and a search party was organized for the missing scientists, but their bodies were never found.

"The only thing we found on the ledge was what was left of prints I have ever seen," said another weather expert, Stipe Skrbek. "They measured 23 inches from heel to toe.

"We were tempted to follow the prints but our first concern was the search for our friends.

"By the time we gave up the search, the snow had wiped out the prints. But none of us who saw them doubts that what Emil has told us is true — his life was saved by a Bigfoot, the

EXPLORER Emil Stajner owes his life to Bigfoot.

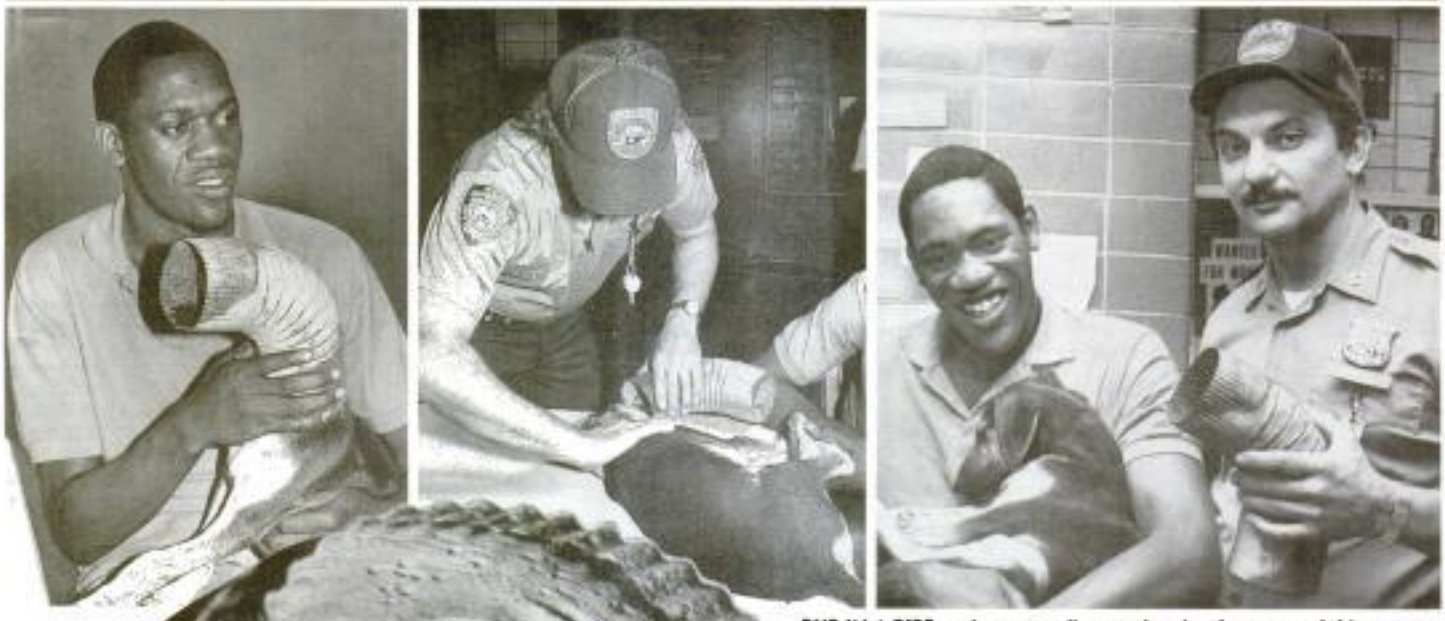
Baby killer hired as social worker

County bigwigs didn't know the woman they hired as a medical social worker had served more than five years in prison for killing her daughter.

The state of South Carolina suspended the work license of Priscilla Phillips after discovering she was convicted of poisoning her child's baby formula 13 years ago, in San Rafael, Calif.

After serving her sentence for murder, Priscilla got a job in Anderson County, S.C. No one checked her background until a newspaper reporter discovered her secret.

Pooch pokes his nose where it doesn't belong



PUP-IN-A-PIPE arrives at police station in the arms of his owner Mark Hazelton (left), then police officers work to free the mutt (center). Finally pup is freed (right).

SNOOT-FULL of TROUBLE!

Curiosity may have killed the cat but it got a dumb mutt named Rambo into a mess of trouble when he poked his nose into a metal drainpipe and couldn't get it out.

No matter how hard he tried, Rambo's owner Mark Hazelton couldn't free the pup so Hazelton rushed the pup-in-the-pipe to the nearest police station in Brooklyn, N.Y.

WITH only his snoot sticking out, Rambo got curious and wound up stuck in a drainpipe. The nosy pooch spent some uncomfortable mo-

When efforts failed to remove it, police called in specialists from Emergency Services.

After about 20 minutes of twisting and turning the poor trapped mutt's beak, finally it came free. Rambo shook himself off and hopped into the arms of his owner, none the worse for wear after the ordeal.

"But I'll bet he's got an 'arf-ful' headache," joked one of Rambo's rescuers.

U.S. agents grab Saddam Hussein's limo

Saddam Hussein has lost his limo — to the U.S. Customs Service!

Customs agents seized the $300,000 armored Cadillac limo from a repair shop in Livonia, Mich., where it was sent for an engine overhaul.

The car was held under authority of President Bush's executive order freezing Iraqi assets in the U.S.

The limo is bomb-proof, able to withstand point-blank rifle blasts, and is equipped with bulletproof tires and tear-gas dispensers. What an equipment package!

Thanks, NEWS readers

Your 1,000s of cards and letters cheered up my little grandson's tragic last days

Brave Jonathan Rondares has lost his heroic fight against leukemia — but his final days were brightened by the thousands of cards and letters sent to him by *NEWS* readers, says his grandma.

The cancer-stricken 5-year-old Californian, whose story was reported in the August 14 issue of *The NEWS*, battled his silent killer right to the end, undergoing intense chemotherapy, repeated blood transfusions, and injections of experimental drugs.

"The last five weeks of Jonathan's life were a struggle to survive," said Doris Plathe, Jonathan's grandmother. "He lost his hair time and time again. But the thousands of letters he received from *NEWS* readers were a great comfort to him and his family.

"We know that Jonathan's pain is gone and that now he's an angel in heaven with God," Mrs. Plathe said.

"Although we will miss him, we know that God will love him as much as we did.

"The Rondares family thanks all of you from the bottom of their hearts.

"Your love, concern, and prayers were a great source of strength to all of us during this difficult time.

"We'll never be able to forget what you did for Jonathan in the last days of his life," said Mrs. Plathe.

— CINDY O'NEIL

BRAVE Jonathan Rondares battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia most of his life.

Man videotapes 23,000 miles of Florida highway

Doug Gauss doesn't mind people calling his videos boring. He's just doing his job, videotaping the State of Florida's entire road system — all 23,000 miles of it!

Gauss, who works for the Florida Department of Transportation's Roadway Characteristics Inventory Section, spends five days a week, 26 weeks a year driving and videotaping every road maintained by the state.

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Blind man can see!

. . . after wife bonks him with a bucket!

By SCOTTY PAUL

Blind Kevin Willis was doomed to a life of darkness until his wife playfully bopped him with a plastic bucket — and miraculously restored his sight.

"I can see. I can see. Thank God, I can see," cried the 28-year-old family man as tears of happiness rolled down his cheeks.

Like an incredible gift from heaven, the prankish tap from the bucket freed a trapped nerve that rendered Willis sightless a year ago.

Willis lost vision in his right eye when he was struck by a stick in a childhood accident. Then a mysterious nerve ailment in his left eye last year made him totally blind.

It was while playing with his family in the garden of their Notts, England, home that Willis' wife struck the blow that restored his sight.

"He grabbed me, so I gave him one back with the bucket," said his frisky wife Karen. "It was only a tap."

There have been some changes in the once-gloomy Willis home since he slipped into his sightless life. His son, Jason, is now 2 and his daughter, Julie, is 7.

"You have no idea what a thrill it is to see . . . I mean really see . . . your children again," said Willis. "Doctors had told me there was no hope.

"Jason's got long, curly blond hair, blue eyes and a smile that can melt your troubles away.

"And Julie, well, she's becoming quite a little lady, primping in front of the mirror."

Soon there will be a new child Willis thought he would never see.

Karen is expecting the couple's third baby in just a matter of days.

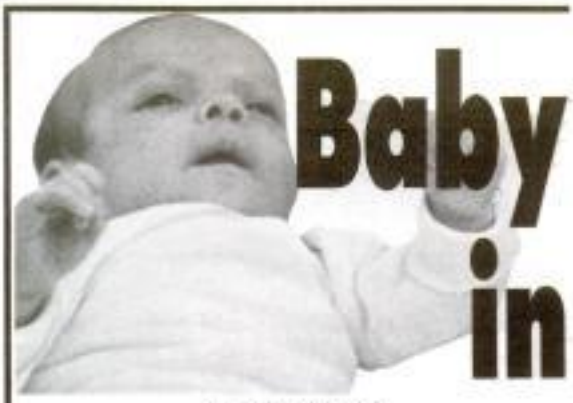
"Everyone was just amazed when Kevin got his sight back," said Karen. "Especially my mother.

"He threw away his white cane, turned to my mom and said, 'Haven't you put on a little weight?' "

KAREN WILLIS says she was just playing around as she shows how she hit hubby Kevin and restored his sight.

Clubbed to death

Schoolboy golfer Carlo Marsoni, 13, was killed on a course in Fraserburgh, Scotland, when he was struck in the neck by a friend's backswing.



Baby in

By RON KELLEY

MELBOURNE, Australia — A quick-thinking midwife saved the life of a premature infant by using a bizarre living incubator to nourish the tiny baby — a female kangaroo!

Quick-thinking midwife saves infant's life

The 1-pound, 2-ounce child spent four weeks in the pouch of a tame kangaroo after she was born nine weeks early at a cattle station, according to news reports.

Pediatricians who examined the child three months after her birth credit the bizarre procedure with saving the child's life.

Physicians in the United States have used a related method to treat another preemie when they placed the infant in a makeshift pouch attached to her mother.

But this is the first reported incident of a kangaroo being used as a surrogate mom, American experts say.

According to Australian sources, the premature infant girl was born August 29 to the wife of a cattle foreman at an isolated cattle station in the rugged Australian outback.

A midwife attended the birth.

"The child was born with a very low birth weight and seemed weak and frail," the midwife told reporters.

"There was no possibility of transporting her to the nearest hospital — more than 100 miles away.

"I improvised with the only resources I had available. I knew mother kangaroos protected and nourished their young for months in nature's finest incubator and I decided to do the same thing using a tame female kangaroo that

10 tips to get you and your mate talking again

Can't get your mate to talk? Here are 10 tips from an expert that will help you open the lines of communication.

By CHERYL FOX

✓ **Get close.** "Physical closeness invites intimate conversation," says psychiatrist Steven S. Simring, coauthor of the book *How to Win Back the One You Love.*

✓ **Use flattery.** "Praise is one of the most powerful conversation prompters ever invented," Dr. Simring said. "Everyone responds to compliments."

✓ **Find areas of agreement.** Chances are, you and your mate have a lot in common — same kinds of music, restaurants, hobbies, etc. "One of the best ways to get a conversation started — and keep it going — is via these areas of mutual agreement."

✓ **Stay attractive.** "Nobody likes to maintain a dialogue with someone who looks drab or ill-groomed. If you let your appearance go, it's a 'put-down' to the person you're married to."

✓ **Draw your mate out by using a conversational "echo."** "Repeat the last few words your spouse said by turning them into a question," suggests Dr. Simring. "For example, if your mate says, 'Leave me alone . . . You're bothering me,' you can counter with, 'I'm bothering you? How?' Get your partner to elaborate."

✓ **Set the stage.** "Put your mate on center stage. Make him or her the 'star.' Be an attentive audience. Make certain there are no competing acts — take the phone off the hook, turn off the TV."

✓ **Don't be critical.** "People hate to be criticized for any reason. They usually clam up when their faults are brought to attention."

✓ **Don't sulk.** "Pouting children are not very likable — pouting adults less so. A constant frown or sullen attitude will squelch, not stimulate, conversation."

✓ **Don't make your spouse feel you're superior.** "Verbal 'I'm better than you' power plays are conversation stoppers," said Dr. Simring. "The fact that your mate smokes and you don't or your spouse drinks and you never touch a drop will not generate satisfying communication."

✓ **Don't be predictable.** If you've said something 100 times and it's done no good, saying it one more time won't improve anything, he said. "If your mate has tuned you out, jolt him or her with something totally unexpected."

kept alive kangaroo's pouch

was a pet on the cattle station."

The midwife tucked the tiny child into the kangaroo's warm, protected pouch and left her there for several weeks, removing her only for feedings and diaper changes. The environment of the pouch kept the helpless infant from losing precious moisture and heat through her thin skin, a fact experts credit with the baby's survival.

"The only difficulty I encountered was the unexpected attachment that developed between the kangaroo and her human baby," the midwife said.

"Toward the end, the kangaroo became upset when I removed the baby from her pouch.

"That was when we decided to let the child do the rest on her own. She was ready."

Today, the amazing kangaroo baby is in excellent health and passed a recent physical with flying colors. She now weighs 7 pounds 2 ounces, her mother says.

"When I call her my little 'kangaroo baby' people look at me like I'm crazy," said the woman, who asked to remain anonymous. "But that doesn't bother me because I know the animal saved my daughter's life. I'll always be grateful for that."

FEMALE kangaroo's pouch is a living incubator.

Dog silencer

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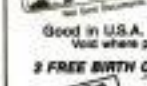

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